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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

ENGLAND ET AL.

Examiner

Andrew L. Nalven

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 4 August 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 2, 9, 10, 14, 15, 19, 20, 24, 25, 29 and 30 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 2, 9, 10, 14, 15, 19, 20, 24, 25, 29 and 30 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 27 June 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

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Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-2, 9-10, 14-15, 19-20, 24-25, 29-30 are pending.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments filed 4 August 2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

3. Applicant has argued on page 12 that the Yoshiura reference fails to teach the compression/decompression element included within the encryption/decryption element and the decryption element developing a content key and supplying the content key to the included decompression element. Examiner respectfully disagrees with this assertion. Yoshiura teaches the compression/decompression element included within the encryption/decryption element (Yoshiura, Figure 5 Item 501 viewed as encryption/decryption element and Figure 5 Item 508 viewed as decompression portion). Yoshiura discloses that item 501 from Figure 5 is a completed information processing system that is directed towards the decrypting and decompressing of compressed encrypted data. Thus, Examiner has interpreted the complete information-processing device to be the decryption element because the device is directed towards the decrypting of data. Following from that, Yoshiura further teaches the decryption element developing a content key and supplying the content key to the included decompression element (Yoshiura, column 8 lines 6-32, Figure 5 Items 501 and 508).

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4. Applicant has argued on page 13 that the Yoshiura and Watney references fail to teach a de-dithered quantizer. Examiner respectfully disagrees. Watney teaches a quantizer that is de-dithered (Watney, column 3 lines 36-47, dither rounding) according to a content key (Watney, Figure 7, Selector, DCT).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1, 9, 14, 19, 24, and 29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The cited claims contain language identifying a "number of adjustable parameters." The language is indefinite. It is unclear to the Examiner if Applicant is attempting to require that there be adjustable parameters. Currently, a reasonable interpretation could provide that there are zero adjustable parameters.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claims 1-2, 9-10, 14-15, 19-20, 24-25, and 29-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yoshiura et al US Patent No. 6,157,720 in view of Watney US Patent No. 5,930,398. Yoshiura discloses a method and apparatus for data encryption. Watney teaches a method for determining a quantizing factor for data compression/decompression.

7. With regards to claims 1, 14, and 24, Yoshiura teaches a decryption element for decrypting the content based at least in part on a content key (Yoshiura, column 8 lines 15-32, work key) and a decompression element included within the decryption element (Yoshiura, column 6 lines 47-52, Figure 5 Item 511) for decompressing the content based at least in part on the content key (Yoshiura, column 8 lines 33-50, compression includes the correspondence changing portion, column 5 lines 53-67, correspondence changing portion uses the work key), decryption element supplying the content key to the decompression element (Yoshiura, column 8 lines 59-64), wherein the content key is employed to decrypt the content and also to decompress the content (Yoshiura, column 5 lines 53-67, column 8 lines 15-32, both use work key), and the compression/decompression element having a number of adjustable parameters and wherein the decompression element employs the content key as at least one of the adjustable parameters (Yoshiura, column 5 lines 53-67). Yoshiura fails to teach the decompression element including a quantizer for performing a lossy quantization. Watney teaches teach the decompression element including a quantizer for performing a lossy quantization (Watney, column 3 lines 36-47). At the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to utilize

Watney's quantization method with Yoshiura's encryption apparatus because it offers the advantage of providing compression and decompression of data while limiting data degradation (Watney, column 3 lines 22-35).

8. With regards to claims 2, 15, and 25, Yoshiura as modified teaches a decryption element having an input for receiving the encrypted compressed content (Yoshiura, column 8 lines 15-16, compressed and encrypted text), the decryption element for decrypting the encrypted compressed content based at least in part on a content key to result in decrypted compressed content (Yoshiura, column 8 lines 17-18, work key as parameter), and having an output for producing the decrypted compressed content (Yoshiura, column 8 lines 28-32, compressed text), a decompression element having an input for receiving the decrypted compressed content (Yoshiura, column 8 lines 33-35), the decompression element for decompressing the decrypted compressed content based at least in part on the content key to result in decrypted decompressed content (Yoshiura, column 8 lines 37-40, column 5 lines 53-67), and having an output for producing the decrypted decompressed content (Yoshiura, column 8 lines 65-67, overall data is processed) wherein a content thief obtains the decrypted compressed content from the output of the decryption element cannot decompress the obtained decrypted compressed content by way of another decompression element without the content key (Yoshiura, column 6 lines 29-40).

9. With regards to claims 9, 19, and 29, Yoshiura as modified teaches an encryption element for encrypting the content based at least in part on a content key (Yoshiura, column 4 lines 38-47, work key) and a compression element for compressing the

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content based at least in part on the content key (Yoshiura, column 4 lines 5-24, work key) wherein the content key is employed to encrypt the content and also to compress the content (Yoshiura, column 4 lines 55-59).

10. With regards to claims 10, 20, and 30, Yoshiura as modified teaches a compression element having an input for receiving the content (Yoshiura, column 4 lines 16-21), the compression element for compressing the content based at least in part on a content key to result in compressed content, and having an output for producing compressed content (Yoshiura, column 4 lines 5-15), an encryption element having an input for receiving the compressed content (Yoshiura, column 4 lines 48-49), the encryption element for encrypting the compressed content based at least in part on the content key to result in encrypted compressed content (Yoshiura, column 4 lines 48-58, work key), and having an output for producing the encrypted compressed content (Yoshiura, column 4 lines 55-58) wherein the encrypted compressed content from the output of the encryption element cannot be decompressed without the content key (Yoshiura, column 6 lines 29-40).

Conclusion


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Andrew L. Nalven whose telephone number is 571 272 3839. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday 8-6, Alternate Fridays.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gregory Morse can be reached on 571 272 3838. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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